MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): How long is it since they have been called for?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They were called for in August 1931.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Have all the statements been submitted?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Am I to understand that no work has yet been commenced on the lines called for?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A statement has been called for.

Acting hands appointed in the office of the Curator for the Publication of Oriental Manuscripts.

86. MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of all persons who have acted when Pandits in the office of the Curator for the Publication of Malayalam and Sanskrit Manuscripts took leave during the past three years with the duration of the acting period in each case and on each occasion; and

(*b*) who is now (16-9-1931) put in the vacancy caused by the grant of leave to Pandit Mr. Raja Raja Varma?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A statement* containing the information required is laid on the table.

(*b*) Mr. N. Gopala Pillai, B. A. (Sanskrit), has been appointed to act in the leave vacancy of Mr. Raja Raja Varma Raja, Chief Pandit in the office of the Curator for the Publication of Oriental Manuscripts.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): പാർട്ട് എ. ഈ സ്റ്റേറ്റുമെൻറിൽ കരെ ആളുകൾ ആക്ട്ചെയ്യുന്നതായി കാണുന്നു. ഇതിൽ കൂടുതൽ കാലം ആക്ട്ചെയ്ത ആളുകൾ ഇരിക്കുമ്പോൾ മി. ഗോപാലപിള്ളയെ അക്റ്റിംഗായി നിയമിക്കാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്തെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Curator says that he has superior academic qualifications. He is a Graduate and has also a service of four years in the Government; the others have only less service.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): പി. കുഞ്ഞൻപിള്ള എന്നൊരാൾ രണ്ടു കൊല്ലവും ഫൻ ദിവസവും ആക്ട്ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ലേ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe he is still acting.

Construction of the southern bridge at Kayankulam.

87. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Karikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) when the construction of the southern bridge at Kayankulam was begun ;

(*b*) the amount that has already been spent and the items of work carried out till now ; and

(*c*) the reason for the delay in finishing the work?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) (*a*) Repairs only with the provision of a new platform for the southern bridge at Kayankulam were begun in Dhanu 1103.

(*b*) The amount already spent on providing the new platform is Rs. 6,687 including materials worth Rs. 4,485 which can be transferred elsewhere.

(*c*) Owing to unforeseen difficulties in screwing down the piles, the original proposals have been given up and the entire reconstruction of the bridge to suit the present day traffic requirements has been decided on and this work has provision in the Budget for 1107 to the extent of Rs. 5,000.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) Answer to part (*c*) says that owing to unforeseen difficulties in screwing down the piles, the original proposals have been given up..... May I know what are they ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The first idea was to repair the bridge. After a detailed consideration, it has been decided to reconstruct the bridge.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) . When was that difficulty felt?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : When the repair of the bridge was being attempted.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : At what time please ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government* Part (*a*) says that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Part (*a*) says that repairs only with the provision of a new platform for the bridge were begun. But I wish to know how that unforeseen difficulty arose and when ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) The exact date is not known.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) It took more than three and a half years to abandon the original proposals and to decide to reconstruct the bridge entirely. May I know why such a long period elapsed ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Many matters had to be investigated. First of all it was considered that the bridge may be reconstructed. Then the Municipal President wrote to say that the bridge was only 10 ft. wide and that a bridge of greater breadth was necessary in view of the traffic there and in the interests of the public. Then the question was again referred back. All these naturally took some time

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): So, am I to understand that the whole investigation has been completed now?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, with regard to the reconstruction of the bridge.

Newspapers subscribed for by the Government.

88. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of newspapers subscribed for by them;

(*b*) the number of copies of each so subscribed for; and

(*c*) the respective amounts of subscription paid to each?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know why there are differences in the number of copies of newspapers subscribed for by Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): From the list you will see that the usual number of copies of political papers subscribed for by Government is three. Then, some papers which are not of a political character are subscribed for and they will be one or two.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): My question is why there is difference in the number of copies of newspapers subscribed for by Government, papers such as the Hindu and the Madras Mail?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are intended for use by the Dewan, Press Room, Chief Secretary to Government and also the Secretaries to Government.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether any principle is involved in the matter of distribution of papers such as the Hindu and the Madras Mail?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not understand the member. Will the member quote an instance.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): The Chief Secretary says that six copies of the Hindu are being subscribed for by the Government. He also says that additional copies are required for purposes of distribution among officers. May I know what is the principle involved in the distribution of copies of newspapers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say about the principle involved. Only important papers are being subscribed for. The distribution is as follows:

One copy for the Dewan, one for the Chief Secretary, one for the Financial Secretary, two for the Press Room and one for the Secretariat Association.

* *Vide* Appendix II—pages 237 to 240.

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